



Welcome to the October edition of the [Charlottetown Amateur Radio Club](#) Newsletter! We'll try to keep you up-to-date with what's happening this month and any future events we're planning or are aware of. This newsletter is automatically distributed to club members, prospective future students who have reached out to us in the last year, and other interested amateur operators in the region. If you do not wish to receive these monthly newsletters, let us know and we can remove you from our distribution list. Alternatively, if you are not included on the mailing list, but would like to receive a copy of our newsletter, please reach out to our secretary.

October Club Meeting - Tuesday night October 1st, Stratford Town Center

Fall has arrived and with it the season for delicious pumpkin spice everything. 😊 Our next monthly meeting is coming up on Tuesday, October 1st, at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you're a licensed radio operator and would like to become a member, or you're perhaps interested in becoming licensed and would like to find out more about us and the hobby, then please come and join us. We would love to meet you. For anyone who would like to become a member, membership dues are \$30 for 2024 for those who are not currently members of the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC). For RAC members, it's \$20 for the year. Our students and graduates from the fall 2023 and spring/fall 2024 classes are automatically members of the club. Our meetings run from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. (1900-2100) in the Southport room at the Stratford Town Center on Shakespeare Drive. Alongside monthly club reports we usually enjoy an information exchange. This month, Brian VY2BG is going to tell us more about physically short 80m/40m inverted V antennas.

Fall 2024 Class - Sept 5th until early November, Canadian Red Cross, Charlottetown

We are pleased to report that the fall 2024 basic licensing course has made an excellent start. The class size is a little smaller this time, but the students are engaged and asking excellent questions. One of the students is another young person, just thirteen years of age. A big thank you to the instructors - Brent VY2HF, Bill VY2WM, Joel VY2KW, Ricardo VY2AN, Aaron VY2EK, and Tracey VY2TAZ - without whom this course would not be possible. We're excited to welcome each one of the students to the hobby as well as the club.

Advanced Study Sessions

As previously mentioned, we're in the process of organizing an advanced study group. Anyone who'd be interested in joining, please reach out to Bill VY2WM or Brent VY2HF, and indicate whether you would also like a study guide (\$65).

October Monthly Simplex Net - One Day Early

Please note that this month's simplex net will be held on the last day of September (Sept 30th) rather than the first Monday of the month. Everything else is the same: start time 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW.

NEAR Fest Fall Event - October 4th & 5th, New Boston NH

It looks like the dates for the Fall Event have changed. It's now just three days until the start of the next NEAR Fest. The gates will open at 8:00 A.M. EDT (7:00 A.M. EDT with advanced ticket) on Friday, October 4th, and 7:00 A.M. EDT on Saturday, October 5th. Closing will be on Saturday at 3:00 P.M. EDT. Please note that the location has changed this year to the Hillsborough County Agricultural Fairgrounds at 17 Hilldale Lane in New Boston NH. Click [here](#) for more information.

Meetings and Events Calendar - October

30/9: 2M Simplex net, at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on 146.550 MHz, hosted by Joel, VY2KW

1: Monthly club meeting

2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Wednesday night 2M net at 8:00 P.M. (2000) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Thursday night HF nets, on 3727 LSB (+/- QRM) at 8:00 P.M. (2000)

5, 12, 19, 26: Virtual Breakfast 2M nets, 8:00 A.M. (800) on the VE1CRA repeater(s)

26-27: [CQ World Wide DX Contest, SSB](#)

Future Events

November 23-24: [CQ World Wide DX Contest, CW](#)

Help Us Out!

Do you have something you would like to contribute to this newsletter? Drop us an email at secretary@charlottetownarc.com.